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DEMOCRATIC CORPORATION COM-
MISSION LOWERS FREIGHT
RATES ON ALL COMMOD-
ITIES.

ADEQUATE RAIL- ROAD REGULATION

Application of Honesty and Common
Sense Permits Oklahoma's Commis-
sion to Accomplish More Than Any
Other State Board in the United
States.

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Of all the wise and helpful provisions incorporated in the democratic party in the organic law of the state, there probably is none which will result in a greater actual and material benefit to all the people than that establishing a corporation commission.

In the nine months since the organization of the corporation commission it has worked steadily and faithfully to control the overcharges and abuses which seventeen years of unmolested license had caused the public service corporations of the two territories to regard as their "vested rights" from charging "all the tariff" the traffic would stand" and turning an absolute deaf ear to the supplications of the shipping and traveling public for adequate depot accommodations, the railroads of Oklahoma are in a fair way to have their freight rates adjusted on a basis of equality and fairness, yielding justice alike to the railroads and the shipper, and at the same time the officials of Oklahoma railroads have been taught to entertain a wholesome respect for the comfort and convenience of their patrons.

Prior to the adoption of our state government, W. O. Cromwell, republican attorney general for the Territory of Oklahoma, filed a report with Governor Frank Frantz in which he stated that at a conservative estimate the railroads operating in Oklahoma Territory had in the seventeen years of its existence defrauded the people of fifty-four million dollars in unjust freight rates. An equal mileage and an equally exorbitant rate in Indian Territory during the same period, makes it fair to assume that for the present state of Oklahoma, the overcharges on freight rates under republican territorial rule, approximated over one hundred million dollars. This is an average of more than five million dollars per year, and the prompt action of the democratic corporation commission in compelling the railroads to cease robbing the people, will alone save more than ten times the entire expense of conducting the state government in all of its departments each year.

In putting into effect new rates the commission has chosen first such commodities as would encourage the development of the new state and in view of manufacturing competition. A comparison of old rates of one line of railroad between local stations and the new rates, gives an idea of what the corporation commission has really done for the people of Oklahoma:

Lumber, rate per car load.
Twenty miles, old rate, \$19.50; new rate, \$9.30.

One hundred miles, old rate, \$39; new rate, \$18.00.

Two hundred miles, old rate, \$57; new rate, \$27.90.

Pork, rate per car load.

Twenty miles, old rate, \$26; new rate, \$9.90.

One hundred miles, old rate, \$52; new rate, \$20.10.

Two hundred miles, old rate, \$80; new rate, \$29.70.

Hay, rate per car load.

Twenty miles, old rate, \$34; new rate, \$9.20.

One hundred miles, old rate, \$58; new rate, \$26.00.

Two hundred miles, old rate, \$84; new rate, \$32.00.

Brick and dressed stone, rate per car load.

Twenty miles, old rate, \$21; new rate, \$13.30.

One hundred miles, old rate, \$37.50; new rate, \$23.30.

Two hundred miles, old rate, \$52.50; new rate, \$34.20.

Fuel, or grade oil, rate per car load.

As this commodity is used in stock growers throughout the state to dip cattle the freight charges are of peculiar interest in every rural community.

Twenty miles, old rate, \$48; new rate, \$20.40.

One hundred miles, old rate, \$100; new rate, \$52.

Two hundred miles, old rate, \$118; new rate, \$68.

Coal Rates.

In no single commodity have the people been so consistently and persistently robbed as they have been in the rates on coal. With an inexhaustible field within the borders of the Indian Territory, the people of Oklahoma for seventeen years have been forced to pay higher prices for coal than were paid by the residents of states three times the distance from

the mines. A comparison of the old rates with the rates put in effect by the corporation commission from the McAlester field to the principal cities of Oklahoma will give a fair idea of the reduction. The prices are given in dollars and cents charged by the ton per 2,000 pounds weight:

	Old Rate	New Rate
Newkirk	\$2.75	\$1.55
Ponca City	2.35	1.35
Pauls Valley	2.10	1.15
Red Rock	2.15	1.42
Lindsay	1.80	1.25
Perry	2.05	1.35
Mulhall	1.90	1.30
Orlando	2.00	1.30
Blackwell	2.30	1.60
Edmond	1.60	1.15
Marmora	2.10	1.29
Purcell	1.75	1.20
Glencoe	2.20	1.30
Ralston	2.35	1.30
Kaw City	2.45	1.45
Tecumseh	1.45	.82
Stroud	1.35	1.15
Bristow	1.35	1.05
Medford	2.50	1.60
Avard	2.50	1.75
Woodward	2.30	1.50
Shattuck	3.50	1.99
Marshall	1.80	1.35
Homburg	1.50	1.20
Elk	1.80	1.45
Jennings	1.30	1.29
Cherokee	2.60	1.70
Cushing	1.30	1.10
Pryor Creek	1.40	.87
Claremore	1.75	1.02
Caddo	1.45	.65
Watonga	1.70	1.35
Durant	1.50	.78
Vinita	1.40	1.05
Stonewall	1.15	.78
Holdings	1.95	1.60
Ada	1.15	.84
Wewoka	1.35	.50
Shawnee	1.15	.82
Wagoner	1.60	.78
Oklahoma City	1.35	1.00
Okeene	1.80	1.45
Webster	1.25	.65
El Reno	1.45	1.15
Mangum	2.20	1.70
Ryan	2.05	1.65
Hobart	2.05	1.65
Law	1.95	1.50
Silo	2.05	1.70
Marlin	1.40	1.02
Tishomingo	1.40	.95

Reductions to a similar extent are made from the Coalgate and Dawson group of mines reducing the cost of shipping every ton of coal from thirty to fifty per cent, and in some cases even more than that. In looking over these figures any person familiar with the map of Oklahoma will observe at once that the old rates were not proportioned according to the distance of the different hauls, but were rates arbitrarily established by the railroads. Under the new rates as established by the corporation commission each town pays in proportion to its distance from the mines, equitably distributing the charges throughout the state.

A comparison of the rates on lumber, wheat, corn and hay between all points in Oklahoma before statehood with those under the ruling of the corporation commission are of considerable interest. The rate is general and applies to all roads within the state.

	Old Rate	New Rate
Twenty miles	.065	.031
Fifty miles	.095	.043
One hundred miles	.13	.063
150 miles	.16	.078
Two hundred miles	.19	.094
250 miles	.21	.108
Three hundred miles	.22	.123

Corn:
Twenty miles, old rate, .05; new rate, .029.
Fifty miles, old rate, .045; new rate, .022.
One hundred miles, old rate, .035; new rate, .017.
150 miles, old rate, .0325; new rate, .015.
Two hundred miles, old rate, .0325; new rate, .015.
Three hundred miles, old rate, .0325; new rate, .015.

Hay:
Twenty miles, old rate, .07; new rate, .036.
Fifty miles, old rate, .09; new rate, .043.
One hundred miles, old rate, .11; new rate, .053.
150 miles, old rate, .13; new rate, .068.
Two hundred miles, old rate, .15; new rate, .074.
250 miles, old rate, .15; new rate, .074.
Three hundred miles, old rate, .15; new rate, .074.

Besides the enormous saving to the people of Oklahoma which the reduction of freight rates ordered by the corporation commission, its accomplishing the comfort and convenience of the patrons of the railroads, has been attended to by the commission by ordering a current bulletin posted in each depot showing the time of arrival and departure of all trains and where the train is late showing the reason therefor. It is believed and the railroads have been compelled to order of the corporation commission to keep the coaches and depots clean and well ventilated. In Hobart and Woodward where the depot accommodations were entirely too limited to accommodate the ordinary traveling public new depots have been ordered built.

In the following towns the commission has ordered the railroads to build depots. Many of these towns have been in existence since the opening of Oklahoma and the citizens have been pleading with the railroads during all those years for adequate accommodations. After proper hearing in which evidence was submitted under oath as to the passenger and freight traffic from each point, the corporation has issued orders requiring railroads to build depots and install agents at Seminole, Fryer, Elkhart, Blue, Waterville, Goodwell, Lookout, Sumner, Leflore, Yeager, Darlow, McKay, Roland, Opheim, Memo, Redding, Haywood, Savanna, Nixon, Mazie, Tishomingo, Oakland, Clayton, Cad-

do, Tutulhassee, Milton, Marble City, Britton, Lequire, Chant and Norfolk.

On evidence submitted showing that additional passenger train service was needed to accommodate the traveling public the commission has ordered trains put on between Lawton and El Dorado, Woodward and points in Western Oklahoma, Guthrie, Stillwater and Pryor, Guthrie and Marlette, Lindsay and Chickasha, Yale, Marmora and Stillwater, Coal Creek and El Smith, Bartlesville and Tulsa. At numerous other points in the state the commission has required passenger trains to stop where they had been running through and stopping only when flagged.

GENERAL BETTERMENTS

The commission has ordered physical connections at Cushing, Pawnee and Avard. That is, the commission has ordered where two roads enter the same town that a connecting track be built between the two to permit the transfer of loaded cars from one road to the other.

Better facilities for the handling of freight and passenger traffic has been ordered at Apache, Wister, Capitol Hill, Jennings, Snyder, Skedee, Carnegie, Ft. Cobb, Ferguson, Payson and Chickasha.

The commission has issued orders naming rates, rules and regulations for the transportation of the following commodities, in carlots, between all points in Oklahoma:

Coal, lumber, ties, logs, asphalt, brick, cement, canned goods, cement building blocks, stone, lime, plaster, gypsum, cordwood, saw dust, staves and headings, sash and doors, wood work for agricultural implements (in the rough), fruit, vegetables, grain, flour, seeds, chop feed, alfalfa, stone, sand, gravel, cluders, crude and refined oil, etc.

The one great advantage in the commission's rates is that every shipper knows exactly what he pays, and what his competitors pay. The rates are absolutely the same to everybody, rich or poor, trust or no trust, millionaire or farmer. Armour Packing company or "Bill Jones"—the rates are the same.

The commission has had filed with it two hundred and twenty-five formal complaints, asking for depots, stock pens, telegraph offices, side tracks, street crossings, trains to be properly bulletined, trains to stop on flag, wanting physical connections, telephones in depots, and complaining of overcharges, discourteous treatment on the part of employees, unwholesome water in depots, etc. Over one hundred and fifty of these complaints have been settled either by hearings, under oath before the commission, or by bringing the parties together informally. Many of these complaints can be adjusted by bringing the parties together and having a conference, in which all concerned are present.

The commission has used its good offices in having hundreds of dollars in overcharges refunded to shippers. They have also given our citizens and business men every assistance possible in the settlement of interstate claims over which the commission has no direct jurisdiction.

The commission has a very voluminous correspondence; it has checked thousands of freight bills and given the shippers in Oklahoma a correct rate from points scattered all over the United States.

OTHER CORPORATIONS

While the attention of the commission has been taken up to a considerable extent since its organization by the regulation of the railroad rates and traffic it has found time to exercise a strict surveillance over the other public service corporations, all of which come under its jurisdiction. Attention on the part of several telephone companies to raise the rates to an unjust figure have been balked by order of the corporation commission. In several cities an immediate betterment of the service given by the telephone company has been required and extensive figures are being collected on the gas and electric light properties over the state with a view to determining in what particular, if any, the interference of the corporation commission will be required to protect the rights of the public.

The action of the democratic party in incorporating in our organic law the provision creating the corporation commission, clothing it with both executive and judicial authority and defining its duties so as to give it the utmost latitude possible to insure exact justice both to the public and the corporation, is second only to the wisdom displayed by the democratic party in choosing the men who constitute the corporation.

Three conservative, honest, well-balanced business men undertook the stupendous task confronting them at their induction into office without resorting to any brass band or grandstand tactics. With a competent set of clerks they set about the task of determining what would be a fair and equitable rate on railroads, for telephones, for gas, and for electricity.

No order was issued by the commission without having first been given careful consideration and a full discussion. The railroad rates in Oklahoma were compared with the rates for similar hauls in other states and where a reduction was ordered the commission was careful to protect the interests of the corporation as well as the public and to see that the new rate was left sufficiently high to insure to the affected corporation a reasonable rate of interest for the money invested in the property. By these common sense, business methods the corporation commission has succeeded in cutting the freight rates



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Oklahoma's corporation commission has already accomplished more than that of any other state in the union, and the experience of its members is each day adding to its efficiency. Corporation control and regulation is solid in Oklahoma, so far as state laws can control and regulate.

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The attention of the sheriffs and others entitled to use this department of the Ardmoreite is called to the fact that no notice or communication calling for the arrest of a person or persons by name or description will be published unless such notice or communication states that the party whose name is signed to the same holds a warrant for the arrest against said person or persons charged. No exception in any instance will be made to this rule.

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BOB HASKINS—Charged with Grand Larceny of Domestic Animals. Description: Age from 25 to 28 years; height about 5 feet 8 1/2 or 9 inches; weight about 150 pounds; light complexioned, brown hair, brown eyes, crooked mouth and talks out of one corner of his mouth, a mole on the nose nearly between the eyes.

DAVE BAYSINGER—Description: About 25 years old, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches high, weighs about 140 pounds, light complexioned, dark hair, gray eyes, bony face, long straight nose, hollow eyed, hump shoulders. Had on no coat when last seen.

SAM JOHNSON—De cription: About 20 years old, about 5 feet 8 1/2 inches high, light hair, blue eyes, broad face, large mouth, scar on left corner of underlip about ten days old; very light complexion.

ROLAND MEEKS—Description: Age about 21 or 22 years, about 5 feet 8 1/2 inches high, weight about 155 or 160 pounds, light complexioned, light brown curly hair, blue eyes sharp nose and a little disheveled. Wanted for burglary and jail breaking.

ED MEEKS—Description: Age about 20 years, about 5 feet 10 inches high, weight about 160 or 165 pounds, light complexioned, light hair, blue eyes, rather long face. Wanted for burglary and jail breaking.

Address Geo. C. Hensley, Sheriff of Jackson County, Altus, Oklahoma.

PETITION.

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ardmore:

We, the undersigned citizens and property owners on B street north-west, beginning at Broadway and continuing to Ninth avenue, northwest, hereby petition your honorable body to take such steps as the law authorizes in ordering sidewalks constructed on said street.

Very respectfully,
W. H. KENNER,
T. P. JONES,
HATTIE NOBLE,
KENNETH HUDSON,
T. H. BANKS,
JOHN L. GALT,
J. A. BIVENS,
WM. T. BOGIE,
MRS. J. C. KENNER,
N. E. MARTIN,
C. T. VERNON,
G. E. GOODWIN.

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Ardmore, Oklahoma. That, pursuant to a petition signed by more than ten citizens and property owners on B street northwest, beginning at Broadway and continuing to Ninth avenue northwest, in said city, asking that sidewalks be put in on said street. It is hereby ordered that the said sidewalks are necessary and that the property owners on said street are hereby ordered to proceed to put down concrete sidewalks within ten days from this date, and upon their failure to do so within said time the city council will advertise for bids and put said sidewalks in and charge the same to the adjoining property owners.

Passed and approved, this, the 5th day of October, 1908.

R. W. DICK,
(Attest): Mayor,
G. H. BRUCE, City Clerk.

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